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H. CON. RES. 327

To recognize and support the efforts of the USA Bid Committee to bring the 2018 or 2022 Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup competition to the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mrs. BONO MACK, Mr. REICHERT, Mr. CAO, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey, Ms. NORTON, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Mr. MORAN of Virginia) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize and support the efforts of the USA Bid Committee to bring the 2018 or 2022 Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup competition to the United States.

Whereas soccer is one of the most popular sports in the world and the FIFA World Cup™ competition is the single most important event in that sport;

Whereas the United States successfully hosted in 9 cities throughout the Nation the 1994 FIFA World Cup™ competition, which was broadcast to billions of fans in 67 nations and set an attendance record of 3,600,000, which remains unbroken today;

Whereas the 1994 FIFA World Cup™ competition served as a catalyst for the increased popularity and development of the game throughout the United States, as well as the introduction of Major League Soccer, the United States national first division professional soccer league;

Whereas the United States Soccer Federation has established the USA Bid Committee to prepare and submit a bid to host the 2018 or 2022 FIFA World Cup™ competition in the United States;

Whereas 18 American cities have been named by the USA Bid Committee as candidates to serve as hosts to FIFA World Cup™ matches in 2018 or 2022, with each of these cities embodying the diversity and enthusiasm shared by the entire Nation and guaranteeing each participating team and its followers a “home team” atmosphere;

Whereas the United States offers FIFA a valuable and receptive market within which to further develop the sport of soccer, which in turn will have significant impact on and off the field in both the United States and throughout the world;

Whereas the United States possesses all necessary state-of-the-art infrastructure in its stadia and potential host cities to ensure that the competition sets a new standard of quality, comfort, security and safety for players, officials, spectators, media, and sponsors alike;

Whereas hosting the FIFA World Cup™ in the United States promises record-setting attendance and financial performance, allowing revenues generated by the competition to be used for the further development of soccer and

FIFA’s objectives of positive social and environmental change;

Whereas hosting the 2018 or 2022 FIFA World Cup™ competition in the United States would serve as a tremendous impetus to national and international goodwill, as the competition would bring people from many nations, along with a diverse American public, together under one banner of peace, friendship, and spirited but fair competition; and

Whereas pursuant to FIFA bidding procedures, the President of the United States and certain Federal agencies have issued guarantees that upon authorization or appropriation, would establish the conditions required to help make the 2018 or 2022 FIFA World Cup™ competition the most successful in history: Now, therefore be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That the Congress—*

3 (1) recognizes and supports the efforts of the
4 USA Bid Committee to bring the 2018 or 2022
5 FIFA World Cup™ competition to the United
6 States;

7 (2) encourages the President of the United
8 States and appropriate Federal agencies to support
9 the USA Bid Committee in its efforts to meet all re-
10 requirements for the United States to host the 2018
11 or 2022 FIFA World Cup™ competition; and

12 (3) welcomes and will give full and timely con-
13 sideration to a request by the President to provide

1 authorizations and appropriations necessary to fulfill
2 guarantees or other obligations in support of the
3 2018 or 2022 FIFA World Cup™ competition, if
4 the United States is selected to host one of these
5 events.

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